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Thursday, June 8, 2006

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ITEM 43

Purchasing Service Agreement RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Subject: Authorize award and execution of a 12-month requirements supply contract with MS TECHLINE PIPE LLP, Austin, TX, for the purchase of approximately 324 fire hydrants for the Austin Water Utility in an estimated amount not to exceed \$294,734.67, with two 12-month extension options in an estimated amount not to exceed \$294,734.67 per extension option, for a total estimated contract amount not to exceed \$884,204.01.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$98,245 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Approved Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility. Funding for the remaining eight months of the original contract period and extension options is contingent upon available funding in future budgets.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Stephen T. Aden, Supervising Senior Buyer, 974-2021

Prior Council Action:

Boards and Commission Action:

Purchasing Language: Lowest bidder of four bids received.

MBE/WBE: This contract will be awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9 of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). No subcontracting opportunities were identified; therefore, no goals were established for this solicitation.

Additional Backup Material

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This contract is for the purchase of approximately 324 fire hydrants of various sizes. Fire hydrants are installed by the Austin Water Utility line maintenance crews and rehabilitation crews wherever there is a City water main within the City limits and surrounding areas within the City's water service area. New hydrants are installed whenever existing hydrants cannot be repaired or have been destroyed. Installation is governed by the Fire Code and the Land Development Code. In addition to fire protection, fire hydrants are used for monitoring static flowing water pressure, flushing out mains after repairs and purging trapped air.

MBE/WBE sent: 1/0 MBE/WBE bid: 0/0

PRICE ANALYSIS

- a. Adequate competition.
- b. Forty-seven notices were sent, including one MBE. There were no WBE firms listed under this commodity. Seven solicitations were issued. Four bids were received with no MBE responding.
- c. The pricing offered represents a 13.5% increase to the last contract award made April 2003. This can be attributed to the increase in cost for metals, manufacturing, and freight.

APPROVAL JUSTIFICATION

- a. Lowest bidder.
- b. The Austin Water Utility concurs with the recommended awardees.
- c. Advertised in the Austin American-Statesman and the Internet.

BID TABULATION
IFB No. SA06100074
(6 Line Items)

<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>TOTAL BID</u>
MS Techline Pipe LLP Austin, TX	\$294,734.67
Titan Pipe & Supply Corpus Christi, TX	\$326,348.50
National Water Works Austin, TX	\$335,118.60
ACT Pipe & Supply Pflugerville, TX	\$346,205.00

Bid tabulation is on file in the Purchasing Office.